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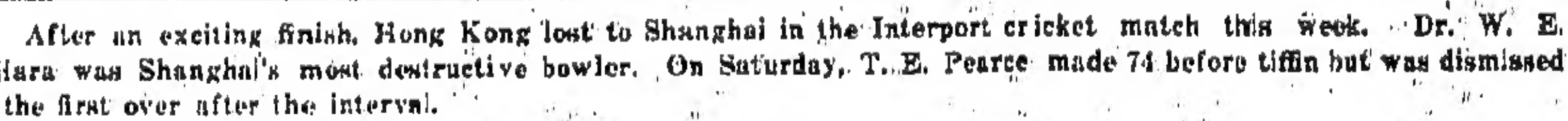


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The closing rate of the dollar on demand today was 1/11 1/16.

WHY HONG KONG LOST THE INTERPORT CRICKET!



Yesterday's shipment comprised 480 bales, and it is gratifying to note that this trade is coming back to Hong Kong.

Some 10,344 more men were

These matters have been examined in the closest detail with the assistance of legal and other experts, under the chairmanship of Lord Balfour, for whose services the conference to-day expressed deep appreciation.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

PURER STEEL.

NEW CHEMICAL PROCESS
PATENTED.

GERMAN DYE TRUST HOPES.

Berlin, Nov. 19.

The German dye trust has patented a new chemical process for making steel without smelting.

It is claimed that this steel is cheaper, harder and more elastic, without the impurities unavoidable in ordinary steel.

It is hoped thereby the German industry will be able to dominate the international market.—Reuter.

ACROSS SIBERIA.

THROUGH PASSENGER
SERVICE.

Berlin, Nov. 19.

The International Far East traffic conference has concluded its deliberations. It has unanimously agreed to a scheme for the establishment of a through route between West Europe and the Far East. If the competent authorities of the countries concerned approve the scheme, through passenger route, with through registration of luggage, is expected to be opened on May 15. As an example of the fares to be charged a second class fare from Berlin to Tokyo will cost about £22.—Reuter.

\$14,000,000 CAPITAL.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCE
VENTURE.

New York, Nov. 19.

A new international finance institution, called the American, British and Continental Corporation has been formed with a capital of fourteen million dollars for the purpose of affording a channel of investment for American capital abroad. The corporation is stated to be supported by banking houses in many European capitals.—Reuter.

CUBA'S SUGAR CROP.

Havana, Nov. 19.

It is officially announced that Cuba's next sugar crop will not exceed 4,500,000 tons.—Reuter's American Service.

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SHARE MARKET.

FIRMED UP DURING THE
WEEK.

ACTIVITIES REVIEWED.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor (the

stockbrokers) in their Weekly Share Report, state:—

Hong Kong, Nov. 19.

Our market, although quiet, firmed up during the past week and closes steady with a fair demand for the principal stocks.

Shanghai market is quiet. The following are the principal alterations since last week:—

Banks:—Continued firm with buyers at \$2170.

Canton Insurances & Hong Kong Fire:—Are unchanged with buyers at \$23.80 but close with more demand and buyers at \$24.

Hong Kong Hotels:—Are more in evidence and business has been done at 80% at which price there are still buyers.

China Providents:—Are steady with buyers at 80%.

Steamboats:—Have improved their position from sellers to buyers at 82 1/2%.

Wharves & Hong Kong Docks:—Are unchanged.

Electric:—More with more enquiry and buyers at \$5134.

London quotations of Nov. 18:—Banks \$119. Indos Debd. \$5. Shell \$14.10/- all middle prices.

Change:—The demand rate in London is 1/11 7/16 and T/T on Shanghai is 1/11.

Next Settlement Day is Tuesday, Nov. 23.

SHANGHAI MARKETS.

Shanghai, Nov. 12.—There was a better feeling in exchange circles to-day when the tin on London showed another improvement, the closing quotation being 2.5%, indicating a rise of 1/4d on the previous day's rate.

The dollar rate likewise improved and to-day's closing figure was 11.32 T.T. on Paris for French francs moved up to 1320, but the yen eased a shade to 83%.

A London report on the silver market for the first week in October shows that there has been considerable activity in that quarter and China has been buying and selling freely, causing some uncertainty in the market. The report also states that there seems little prospect of much further support from India and that the outlook for silver is not very hopeful.

London spot rubber was quoted to-day at 1.3% (buyers) and the market was stated to be quiet but fairly steady. New York and Singapore were quoted at 41% and 70% respectively.

The Shanghai Stock Exchange operated full time, but there was not a large amount of business handled. Rubbers did not command much attention and the only transaction recorded in these were Ayer Tawahs at 6 1/2, Butes at 2 1/2, Senawangs at 4 1/2, Sungalas at 3 1/2.

Other business consisted of S.W.W. 7 per cent. Debs at 102 1/2, S.M.C. 8 per cent. 1921 Debs. at 109, Telephones at 87, C. G. Omnibus at 10, Shanghai Docks at 128 1/2.—"Shanghai Times."

SHANGHAI COTTON MARKET.

Messrs. J. Spunt and Co., Shanghai, issued the following report on the local cotton market for the week ended November 12:—

China Cotton:—A general bearish feeling permeated our market throughout the past week involving a steadily downward tendency and registering at the close a price level of about 11s. 0.50 to 11s. 7.75 per picul lower than the average current as last reported. This may be ascribed to the marked depression in the yarn markets brought about by the uncertainty as to the political conditions along the Yangtze route which, for the time being, shows no reassurance as to safety in transportation facilities, and consequently as long as the stock continues to accumulate for want of an outlet, we may expect values on the raw material to incline to favourable recessions of which it would be advisable to take advantage to buy on every break.

Yarn:—The market during the past week has been generally weak, with a further decline of three to four taels from last week's level, due to the millitary movements around the Yangtze Valley, causing inactivity on the part of exporters. Business for export has been booked in all some 6,000 to 7,000 bales during the week under review.

NOT A CRIME.

A judgment for defendants with costs was handed down at the British Supreme Court, Shanghai, on November 9, by Judge Peter Grain, in the case of Bisham Singh v. A. R. Hamidon v. A. H. de Silva. Mr. A. Covey, who appeared on behalf of the plaintiff, said that the claim was for \$300 due to his client on a promissory note.

The Judge held that since the last hearing, when he required the defendants to produce their books and every other evidence possible to prove that they had paid Bisham Singh, he was satisfied with the entries in his cash books, as well as the cheque received from the bank, which corresponded with the evidence and the entries of the defendants.

Mr. Covey, however, argued that the defendants should have taken back their promissory note, and went even so far as to suggest that the entries in the book were an arranged fraud.

The Judge pointed out to Counsel that he was not present in Court to punish people for being careless, adding that it was a daily occurrence in cases of this nature that people did not take receipts. The judgment was then handed down.



CHILD WELFARE IN INDIA.

In India, as in most other tropical countries, the healthy rearing of children is a difficult task, there are so many dangers associated with the climate, the food supply, milk, sanitation, and so on. Parents in India find

Baby's Own
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Ladies' Hair Dressing Saloon.

29, WYNDHAM STREET.

Work Undertaken by Expert Chinese Lady Barbers.

HONG KONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

ANNUAL BALL 30th NOVEMBER AT 9.30 P.M.

MEMBERS and guests are reminded that Practice Dances for St. Andrew's Ball will be held at the City Hall on TUESDAY, 23rd instant and FRIDAY, 26th instant from 5 to 7 p.m.

Members who have not yet sent in their lists of guests are kindly requested to do so as soon as possible.

P. TOD.

Joint Hon. Secretary.

c/o J. M. & Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 19th November, 1926.

PLEASE NOTE!

FAIRY PLAY AND SHADOW PICTURES

Christmas Matinees

AT THE

THEATRE ROYAL

ON

December 22nd. & 23rd.

AT

4.30 p.m.

In Aid Of

The Ministering Children's League

AND

The Seamen's Institute.

AN EASY WAY TO STOP INDIGESTION!

It is one of the earliest things in the world to get rid of flatulence, wind, heartburn and other forms of indigestion arising from an excess of acidity in the stomach. Just take half a tea-spoonful, or if you prefer it, two or three tablets, of "Bismarck" Magnesia, and then confidently await results. Your pain and discomfort will disappear almost instantly because the "Bismarck" Magnesia neutralises the acid, rendering it powerless to cause harm; and thus you stop your indigestion by getting right down to the root of the trouble. Small wonder it is, therefore, that thousands of grateful sufferers write of "instant relief, the wonderful quick action of 'Bismarck' Magnesia." If you are suffering from any form of indigestion or dyspepsia just take a dose of "Bismarck" Magnesia as directed, and digestive trouble will cease to cause you worry. For your own sake be sure it is "Bismarck" Magnesia you get.

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NOTICES.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE Stewards will be glad to meet Owners and Subscribers for Subscription Griffiths at the Jockey Club Room, Hong Kong Club Annex on MONDAY, 22nd November, 1926, at 12.30 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary, Hong Kong, 19th November, 1926.

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Hong Kong, 6th November, 1926.

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ANNUAL FETE.

SATURDAY, November 20, 1926,

to be held in

Government House Grounds.

(By kind permission of H.E. The Governor at 2 p.m.)

Owing to the fact that the Hong Kong Jockey Club Race Committee have fixed the date of their First Extra Race Meet in November on the 6th of that month, the President of the H.K.W.G. and M.C.L. has decided the best interests of all concerned to postpone the M.C.L. Fete until Saturday, November 20th, as His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clementi have very graciously and kindly consented to allow the date to be changed.

The Fete will be opened by Lady Clementi at 2 p.m.

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Tea may be obtained at 50 cents per hour.

Hong Kong, 2nd November, 1926.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY. THERAPION NO. 1 THERAPION NO. 2 THERAPION NO. 3

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PEKING TRAGEDY.

GENERAL AND HIS WIFE KILLED.

Peking, November 4.—A gruesome tragedy occurred early this morning in a prominent house on Morrison Street.

A band of men penetrated into the house of General Chen, who formerly commanded a regiment of the Chinese army. They are stated to have found the occupants of the house asleep. They bound the servants hand and foot with cords and then killed General Chen and his wife.

The lady is stated to have been stabbed to death with a sword while General Chen is reported to have been strangled.

It is understood that robbery was not the cause of the crime, as nothing was looted from the house but the deed is believed to have been perpetrated by former members of his staff from motives of revenge.

Up to this evening no arrests had been reported but the police are making every effort to trace the murderers.

Peking, November 5.—Further details regarding the murders in Morrison Street yesterday make it clear that the victims were General Chen Pu-shi and his wife, and a male servant, who was also stabbed to death. A female servant was wounded and was at first thought to be dead, but later she recovered consciousness and was taken to hospital.

CANBERRA.

Having reserved all the existing accommodation at Canberra for invited guests during the opening festivities, the Government now finds itself in a dilemma because numerous people, who will not be invited would like to attend. The latest suggestion is that there should be a canvas town for the unofficial overflow. Officials frown on this as something unbecoming to the nature of the proceedings, but the demand, particularly from Sydney, persists. This is really an expected development, and one with no precedent to help in its solution. Have citizens—just ordinary citizens—a right to be at the Federal Capital for the historic opening ceremonies, or is this an affair of purely official concern where outsiders can be warned off? Cabinet has been sitting at Canberra to consider the knotty problem, and has not yet announced a decision. But the first of the functions has passed off without any stampede. The speaker's magnificent chair, a replica of the one in the House of Commons, has been presented by the Empire Parliamentary, accompanied by eloquent speeches. When the visiting delegates are asked what they think of Canberra, most of them seem to be suddenly afflicted with deafness. But several have remarked on the magnificence of the buildings, and the grandeur of the design of the city to be.

Traffic in the busiest section of Buenos Aires soon will be regulated by a system of lights similar to that employed in New York and other large American cities. The municipal authorities have announced that the system will be extended if it should prove successful in relieving the congestion in the main thoroughfares.

CHURCH NOTICES.

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

November 21, 1926.

Sunday before Advent.

Holy Communion (8 a.m.).

Matins (11 a.m.) Te Deum Smart in E.

Preacher: Rev. N. V. Halward.

Antiphon "I Will Magnify Thee".

Selby.

Holy Communion (12 noon).

Service for Young People 3 p.m.

in Chinese and English. Preacher: Rev. G. H. Hewitt, R.N.

Evensong (6 p.m.). Preacher: The Lord Bishop.

Collections for the Victoria Diocesan Association. Members of the congregation who are unable to be present are asked to send their contribution to the Hon. Treasurer of the Cathedral, P. S. Cassidy, Esq.

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CHINA'S MOST IMPORTANT PLANT.

There is perhaps no other plant which has been put to such manifold uses as the bamboo and all who live in China make daily acquaintance with many of these, but the reading of such a booklet as "Bamboo, and its uses in China," published by the Chinese Government Bureau of Economic Information, will give them a fresh insight into the subject.

The author is Mr. Willard M. Porterfield, Jr., of St. John's University, Shanghai, and he handles his subject in a masterly style. Illustrations, tables and maps, with a brief bibliography, complete an interesting volume.

Three million Haikwan Taels, we are told, represent approximately the yearly trade of China in bamboo, bambooware, and bamboo shoots, as accounted for by the Maritime Customs reports. Though the other chief products of the country are used in China in varying degrees, none of them is put to such a variety of uses or appears in so many forms as bamboo. In this respect the bamboo is absolutely unique. Even the manufacture of paper is dependent to a great extent on bamboo supplies. Bamboo provides the pulp for a big proportion of writing paper, as well as for other grades. Silk is merely a fabric, and a luxury. Iron is used locally in many ways, and for a number of useful articles, but a great deal is also imported in the form of machinery. Many articles now made of iron were formerly made of bamboo. There is a tremendous local cotton business, but Japanese and American cotton the other chief products of the country goods manufacturers are formidable rivals. The import of cotton goods has been very heavy. Tea is simply a beverage, and can never be anything else. Native vegetable oils have a local value, as adulterants, if for nothing else, but they serve no useful purpose unless combined with other articles. Finally there is a steady procession of h's out of the country, native manu. cture being strictly limited. Leather is not at all important, and iron arts are relied upon by the Chinese dealers. Bamboo, however, by contrast with these others, takes a place occupied by no other product. No bamboo is imported into China. The trade is entirely internal, or directed outward to foreign countries. Bamboo seldom if ever finds its way back to China in one of its multitudinous guises, as an import.

A Good Investment.

Unlike the other commodities, the ways in which bamboo are employed are not confined to one sphere. Its uses are not limited to building and construction only, but to miscellaneous uses, including the making of toys, implements, furniture, paper, even food and clothing. Financially, bamboo is a good investment. The returns are large as compared with the small amount of trouble and expense necessary in its cultivation. Since the life of most bamboos is very long, one is not troubled with anxiety about the prospects of the forthcoming crops at every stage of growth from the planting season to the time of harvest. Bamboo simply goes on producing year after year.

There are 490 kinds of bamboo in the world, according to an authority who has listed and described them all. So far 60 species have been identified as definitely Chinese. Probably there are still others to be added to the list. Generally speaking, bamboo does not grow well north of 35 deg. N., a line drawn from Pingliang, Kansu, east along the Yellow River to Kaifeng, Honan, and thence along the Kiangsu-Shantung border to the sea.

Among the illustrations in the booklet, various types of buildings of bamboo are shown. Some of these are of elegant workmanship and illustrate the constructive genius of the Chinese when working in native materials.



"HOW IS YOUR TONGUE?"

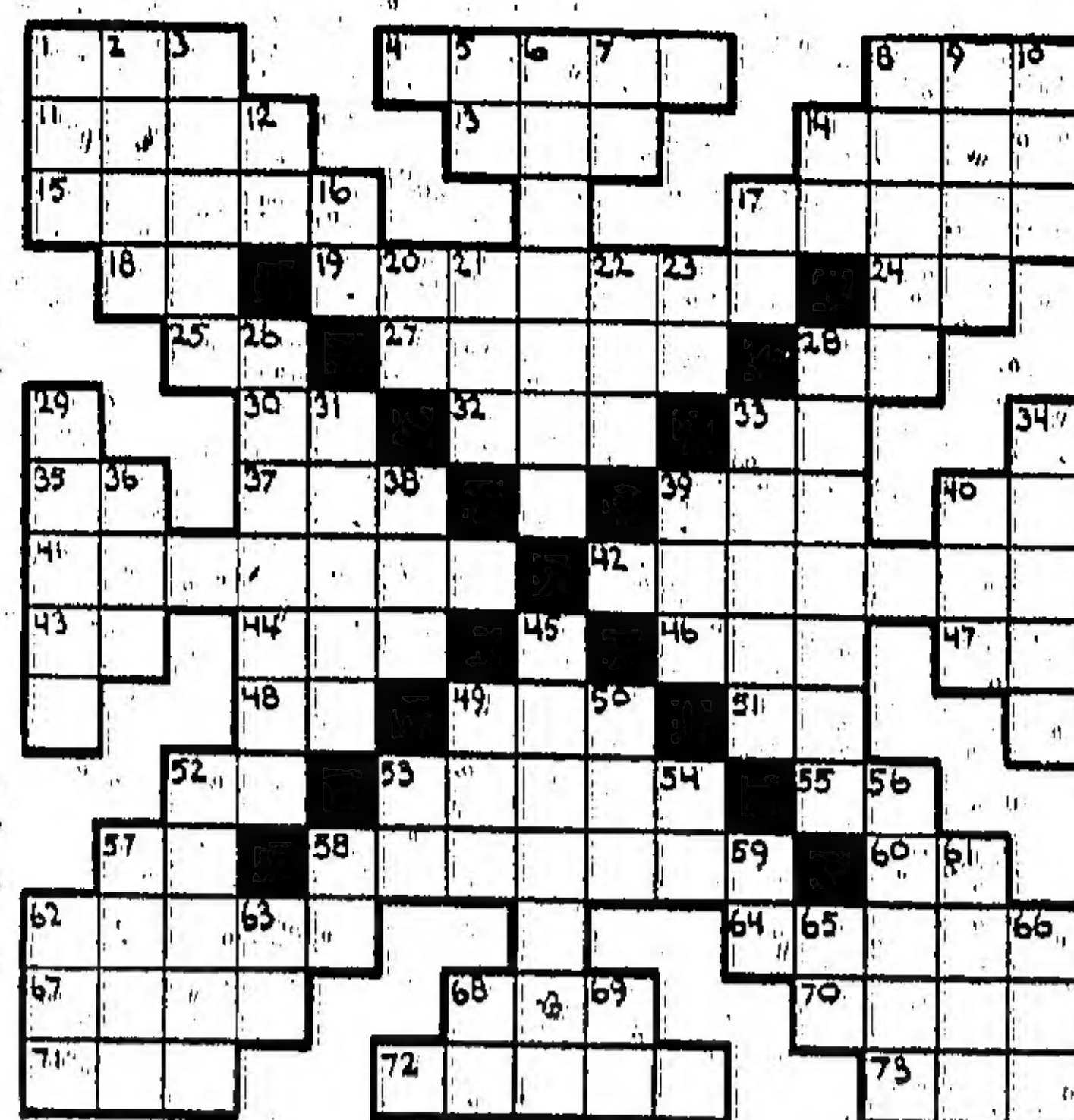
asks the doctor when you complain of feeling out of sorts, for most often temporary indispositions are due to a disordered condition of the digestive tract, and a coated tongue tells the story.

If your tongue is yellow and furred, if you are constipated, liverish, bilious, have sick headaches, flatulence, ill-smelling breath, cry a little dose of Pinkettes to-night; you'll feel ever so much better in the morning.

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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL.

1-To write down

offhand.

4-The Southern

United States

5-To grow old

11-Dark part of iris of

the eye.

13-To flog (colloq.)

14-Interjection. Regret

15-Man of great size

17-A plant having a

hundred eyes

(Myth.)

18-Days' eight (abbr.)

19-Bordered on

24-Exile

25-Exile. Form of

"ex"

27-To introduce

28-Gloria (abbr.)

30-Personal pronoun

32-Consanguinity

33-Interjection

35-A musical note

37-Initials of noted

Scottish novelist

39-On account of

40-Each (abbr.)

41-Just and honest

42-To burst sounder

43-Grand Temple

(abbr.)

44-To strive for

45-Combining form

New

47-"That is" (Latin

abbr.)

48-Prefix in

49-A success

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

51-Close to

52-Prefix. Form of "in"

53-An American bovine

ruminant

55-Interjection

57-Guiness (abbr.)

58-Up on

59-To set in order

60-Upon

62-A base-singer

64-To quail

67-A musical work

69-An ending of nouns

70-Combining form

Dry

71-Very small

72-Until the time of

73-Depressed

VERTICAL:

1-A jail (slang)

2-A Roman post

3-To torment

4-Pronoun

5-Act of sending forth

6-Prefix. Two

7-Into

8-Pertaining to

9-To smear with some

thing sticky (Soot,

"fat")

10-An ending of

feminine nouns

12-Article

14-Prefix. Form of

"ex"

16-Tantalum (chem.

sym.)

17-Prefix. To

23-A measure of

capacity (abbr.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

21-A river, S.W. Wales

22-A number

23-Suffix to form

nouns of agency

26-To shrink and

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TACOMA MARU Sails from Hong Kong Saturday, 27th November.
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MEXICO MARU Sails from Hong Kong Wednesday, 22nd December.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon. Thursday, 25th November.
SANTUKI MARU Sails from Hong Kong Thursday, 25th November.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon. Saturday, 27th November.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

SHIPPING NOTES.

VESSELS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

En route to Buenos Aires via Singapore, Durban and Alcoa Bay, the Japanese steamer "Wakasa Maru" arrived here yesterday afternoon from Yokohama with 505 tons of general cargo and 7 bags of mail. She is scheduled to sail this afternoon with passengers and cargo.

The local office of the Ben Line has been advised that the s.s. "Bengloe" coming from Leith, Antwerp and London is due to arrive here on Nov. 25.

With 20 tons of refined sulphur for discharge here, the N.Y.K. steamer "Anyo Maru" arrived this morning. She also brought 4 bags of mail from Japan. She will sail for South America via San Francisco, Los Angeles and Mexico on Nov. 25 at noon.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" from Vancouver, is due to arrive in Yokohama to-morrow, according to advice received in the local office of the C.P.R. The "Asia" is due here on Nov. 30.

Encountering very rough weather on her way from Tournai to Hong Kong, the German steamer "Devawongse" arrived this morning and brought 9,350 bags of rice for discharge here.

With 5,555 tons of coal from Miki for discharge here, the M.B.K. steamer "Fuku Maru" arrived yesterday afternoon. She will return to Miki after discharging.

The departure of the German steamer "Emil Kirdorf" going from Singapore to Germany (via Hong Kong, Manila and Suez), has been postponed until Monday afternoon on account of the steamer's late arrival. The "Emil Kirdorf" encountered very rough seas on her way here.

The O.S.K. steamer "Chukwa Maru" will sail this afternoon for Dairen via Chaoan and Tsingtau with cargo only. She arrived here yesterday evening with 2,798 bags of rice and general merchandise.

Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co. have been advised that the R.L. steamer "Taima" left Singapore for Hong Kong yesterday afternoon and is due here on Nov. 25 at daylight.

Yet another additional freight steamer is to be placed on the Hong Kong-Canton run by the Canton-Shanghai S. S. Co. which started successfully with the "test shipment" on the "Tetsuzan Maru" last week. There will be two sailings a week from each port.

OIL SUPERSEDES STEAM.

A director of the Cunard Line recently expressed the conviction that the oil driven engine would in years to come be adopted universally for the great passenger liners, on account of the time saved in coaling, which enables more voyages to be completed during the year. A few months ago attention was drawn in this letter to the "Asturias," a new R.M.S.P. 20,000 ton motor driven liner, whose maiden voyage was regarded as a notable event, and this week a new motor ship, "Pictor Cornelissen Hooff" was to be seen at Southampton. Hooff was a celebrated Dutch poet of the sixteenth century—the golden age of the arts in Holland. The Netherlands Mail Line boats, which sail from Amsterdam to the Dutch East Indies, have been coming into Southampton for half a century. This, the first motor passenger ship in the fleet, has nothing very novel in her appearance as seen from the quay, with her great funnels that really do not function as funnels, but as ventilators. The revolutionary part of the ship is the engine room, which even to a novice in these things is strikingly unlike the normal engine-room. There is remarkably little of it, for a great point about the motor ship is the compactness of the machinery. One of the chief arguments in favour of the motor ship is this saving of space, which is turned to profitable use for cargo and passenger carrying. The P. C. Hooff has two eight-cylinder, two-cycle, Sulzer-Diesel motors, each driving a screw and developing together 8,000 h.p. The fuel is carried in sixteen oil tanks to the extent of 2,000 tons, which renders it unnecessary to stop en route. Anyone who has travelled on a coal burning ship will appreciate what is gained in avoidance of discomfort by not having to coal. Economically, too, the case for motor driven ships is very strong.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sailing arrivals at Hong Kong were reported:—
Yunnan (1206) Brl. from Amoy; B. & S.
Shanxi (1228) Brl. from Port Walut; B. & S.
Kaigai (1546) Brl. from Bangkok and Swatow; B. & S.
Kwang Sang (1428) Brl. from Hankow and Swatow; J. M. & Co.
Wai Shing (1169) Brl. from Shanghai and Swatow; J. M. & Co.
Hydrangea (560) Brl. from Kwong-chow-wan; The Chia On S. S. Co.
Song Bo (720) French, from Haiphong; M. M.
President Pierce (8393) American, from Manila; Dollar Line.
Altai Maru (7722) Jap. from Antwerp and Singapore; O. S. K.
Svale (1353) Norwegian, from Swatow; Thoresen & Co.
Eigen (875) Norwegian, from Canton; Karsten, Larsen.
Dorry (378) German, from Hoihow; Chau Yoo-tang.
Devawongse (1047) German, from Tournai; Cheong Yue S. S. Co.
Chukwa Maru (1279) Jap. from Dairen and Canton; O. S. K.
Anyo Maru (5741) Jap. from Yokohama; N. Y. K.
Foku Maru (2767) Jap. from Miki; M. B. K.
Heinan Maru (2719) Jap. from Yokohama and Nagoy; O. S. K.
Wakasa Maru (6070) Jap. from Yokohama and Moji; N. Y. K.Departures:
For Shanghai: Gientara, Shanxi, Altai Maru.
For Canton: Kwong Sang.
For Swatow: Halching.
For Bangkok: Chahua.
For Shanghai: Gientara, Shanxi.
For Kwong-chow-wan: Tai Sze Ma.
For Hongay: Phranang, Tai Tak.
For Moji: Sumatra Maru.
For Swatow: Yatshing.
For Takao: Dux.
For Macassar: Wray Castle.
For Hoihow: Mingsang, Hellas.
For Nagasaki: Tango Maru.
For Saigon: Tjiuwong.
For San Pedro: Sylvan Arrow.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:

British	25
American	2
Norwegian	4
German	3
Panama	1
Japanese	5
Chinese	14
Dutch	5
French	2
No flag	1
Portuguese	12
Total	64

SAVED FOR JAPAN.

HISTORIC BATTLESHIP AS PERMANENT MEMORIAL.

Tokyo, November 12.—An impressive ceremony was held this afternoon at Yokohama, when the Regent, Privy Counsellors and other notable people visited the vessel "Mikasa," which country-wide subscriptions saved from the scrapheap as a permanent memorial owing to its associations with the Russo-Japan war, when it was Admiral Togo's flagship.

Admiral Togo and other naval veterans were present at the ceremony, for which the famous warship was specially decorated, flying the famous signal: "The destiny of the Empire depends on this one battle," given at the battle of Tsushima when Admiral Togo destroyed the Russian fleet.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. L. s.s. "Rendoran" from Leith, Middlesbro, Antwerp, London and Struts is due to arrive here to-day.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" left Singapore for this port on November 16 at 4 p.m. and is due here on November 22 at about 8 a.m.

The B. L. s.s. "Bengloe" from Leith, Middlesbro, Antwerp, London and Straits is due to arrive here on November 25.

The M. V. s.s. "Agra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on October 23 and is due here on or about November 30.

The B. L. s.s. "Taima" left Singapore for this port yesterday at p.m. and is due here on November 25 at daylight.

CREWS STRIKE.

SEQUEL TO "KIANG-YUNG" EXPLOSION.

The "Shanghai Times" of November 13 reports:—

As a consequence of the explosion on board the China Merchants' steamer "Kiangyung" at Kiukiang recently, when the vessel, used as an ammunition store and troopship by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, blew up with many casualties among the crew and soldiers on board, the crews of two other China Merchants' steamers in Shanghai yesterday went out on strike to settle a question of compensation.

The strike affects only two steamers, the "Kwanglee" and the "Hainchang," which are at present in port, but it is feared that the strike will spread to other vessels in the company's fleet. The strikers demand that compensation of \$1,000 be paid to the families of the sailors who were killed in the explosion. Furthermore, they demand guaranteed compensation in event of other members of the crews of the ships being killed or injured while the ships are being used by Marshal Sun.

Cantonese Inspiration.

Evidence of Cantonese inspiration is seen in the strike which aims primarily at cutting out all firemen and sailors on the vessels. When the war started in the Yangtze valley, Marshal Sun commandeered most of the China Merchants' fleet, and at present has six of the company's steamers at Nanking. Agitation among members of the Chinese Seamen's Union on these ships was reported in Canton a week ago but no definite action was taken until yesterday when the crews of the "Kwanglee" and the "Hainchang" went on strike but left one man in each department of the vessel to maintain things.

Interesting angles attach to the strike. The two vessels were due to leave for Canton yesterday morning and when three seamen's delegates went down to the "Hainchang" they were stopped by the police who detained them. Immediately, a strike started as a move to force the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company to agree to compensation demands.

Protection Demanded.

A party of 80 survivors of the "Kiangyung" disaster, together with families of men who lost their lives, applied to the company for compensation and were promised \$200 each, but the demand was made for \$1,000 each. This sum the company refused to grant. In view of the fact that Marshal Sun is reported to have decided to commandeer more of the company's steamers, the strikers further demanded protection and a guarantee of compensation in case they suffer any mishap.

The strikers claimed another disadvantage. They stated that if the two steamers left for Canton the crews on arrival there would be arrested by the Cantonese authorities for assisting the enemy—Marshal Sun. He is pressing in his demands for the use of further steamers and is reported to have decided to send armed tugs down to Shanghai and seize the vessels at anchor on the French Bund unless the company turns them over willingly.

Vessels As Transports.

The "Kiangyung" war-lord is using the vessels as transports and his insistence on the use of further vessels indicates that his position at Nanking is none too secure and that he envisages the possibility of having to fall back upon Shanghai. In that case, he will need the use of these additional vessels for the transportation of his troops.

While it is known that two steamers are involved in the strike here, the situation regarding the vessels in Sun's use at Nanking and other places up the Yangtze is not known.

Dr. William Baade-Bergedorf, of Berlin Observatory, in pleasant recollection of a voyage on the s.s. "Thuringia" of the Hamburg-Amerika Line, has named a new planet discovered by him "Thuringia."

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LAHAD DATU	THURSDAY	November 26	FRIDAY	November 27	November 28
SANDAKAN	FRIDAY	November 27	SATURDAY	November 28	November 29
JAMBANGAN	SATURDAY	November 28	SUNDAY	November 29	November 30
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INTERPORT CRICKET.

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MACDONIA	8,083	14th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NELLORE	8,083	23rd Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	8,165	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MORAPURE	8,165	30th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
NYANZA	8,165	31st Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	8,165	1st Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KALYAN	8,165	2nd Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DEVANHA	8,165	3rd Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MORAPURE	8,165	4th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	8,165	5th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NELLORE	8,165	6th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MANTUA	8,165	7th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KASHGAR	8,165	8th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	8,165	9th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MACDONIA	8,165	10th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DEVANHA	8,165	11th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KARMALA	8,165	12th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	8,165	13th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MALWA	8,165	14th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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SHIRALA	7,841	24th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKIWA	7,841	24th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
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TANDA	9,066	2nd Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island,
ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Dec.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, &
ARAFURA	4,500	24th Jan.	Melbourne.
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MALWA	10,941	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	11th Dec.	Moji & Kobe
KASHMIR	8,985	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKIWA	7,938	18th Dec.	Kobe
TAKADA	6,949	18th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KALYAN	9,114	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	8,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MORAPURE	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DEVANHA	8,165	8th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
RASHGAR	9,005	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,007	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MANTUA	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,983	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	9,066	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MACDONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	8,165	13th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMALA	9,128	18th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,007	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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CLAIM FOR LIBEL.

ALLEGATION OF A HOME
RUINED.

The preliminary hearing of the case in which Mr. L. M. J. Dohse, of Messrs. Behn, Meyer China Co., claims from Mr. W. H. Spencer \$1,000 as damages for a libel contained in a letter dated October 15, 1926, and addressed by the defendant to Mr. E. H. Thiel, manager of the firm where the plaintiff is employed, was mentioned at the British Supreme Court, Shanghai, on November 8. The second clause of the complaint, however, prays for an injunction to restrain the defendant from the publication of the words in the said letter or any similar words.

Mr. Spencer was absent from Court, and there was no one to represent him, although Mr. Tycho Wing, appearing on behalf of the complainant, said that Messrs. Teedale, Newman and McDonald had instructions from defendant to appear for him in other proceedings.

Judge Peter Grain: You want a judgment on the libel action? At this stage Mr. Spencer rushed into Court, and Mr. Wing then spoke of the letter, which was handed in to his Lordship, as being of a most scandalous character and which might have done a lot of harm. Counsel for the plaintiff added that if the defendant would apologise at this stage the action would be withdrawn, with an alternative of filing the complaint and going on with the case fully.

Addressing the defendant, Judge Peter Grain said: You have heard what the offer is. I might tell you that this is a libel action, and if you are going to plead that this is true you will have to do up in proper form. To justify your statements made in the letter, you will have to prove that every word is true, otherwise the action will go against you. Mr. Wing says that if you are prepared to apologise he is ready to forego his action, but still he insists upon an injunction for restraining you to even use such a letter.

Mr. Spencer: Your Lordship, I plead justification in writing this letter. When I wrote that letter I knew that every word in it was an absolute truth.

The Judge: We cannot go on with it at present because you will have to go to a lawyer.

Mr. Spencer: Your Lordship, may I please say a few words? The plaintiff has ruined my wife and broken my home.

The Judge: At present we cannot go into that. Mr. Wing asks for an adjournment to file his pleadings. The matter will be adjourned.

Mr. Spencer: I do not propose to engage Counsel because I am not in a position to do so.

The Judge: Then you are most likely to lose the case.
Mr. Spencer: Can I ask the Court to adjourn until after my divorce case comes up?
Judge Peter Grain: This is a future application, and I am not able to adjourn the case to such a date. The case will now adjourn for return day.—Shanghai Mercury.

SOVIET MENACE.

IF CHINA SHOULD ONE DAY
UNITE.

The British Empire—though British folk do not realise it—is, in a sense, an arithmetical absurdity. It rules a population scattered under all skies, by count of head, equal to the whole population of Europe. Outside Europe there is less than 18,000,000 of British folk—three times that is the population of Australia. But the number of coloured people in the British Empire is 397,251,000. In India alone there are about 680 coloured people to each European in it. There are more Mohammedans alone in India than there are white men in the British Empire.

The author of "The Peril of the White" wanders into China statistics—a rather vague realm—he admits that the population of China is not known to within 50,000,000. But there is good reason, he says, to think that, judged by count of head, the population of China is nearly equal to that of the whole British Empire. China, as a nation—like the individual Chinaman—is a problem; and, if that huge mass of yellow men, which we call "China," were knitted into unity by some common impulse, or kindled into passion by some great wave of emotion, it might well become the greatest disturbing factor in world politics known since the French Revolution. Indeed, that gave the world the name of a candle as against an eruption of Vesuvius; if the mysterious Chinaman—a mass of 400,000,000—took fire simultaneously.

The author of "The Peril of the White" thinks that the most serious danger of the world is that the red flame of Sovietism in Russia should find the masses of China dry and inflammable.

A MORPHIA FACTORY

ALLEGED BRIBE OF 1,000
YEN.

By instructions of the Chief of Police a very complete census of the town is at present being taken, the police entering every house and making the fullest inquiries as to the dwellers therein, says the Harbin correspondent of the "Shanghai Mercury."

During this work, a party of police knocked at a small house in the suburbs, which for some reason always had its blinds down in the daytime. The door was half opened by a Japanese woman, and the police inspector, scenting something wrong, forced his way in. Two rooms were found to contain machinery, which it was at first thought were for making false paper notes, but on a closer investigation it was found that the house was used for the manufacture of morphia. There were two Japanese men at work in the rooms, and these with the woman were instantly arrested; notice being given to police headquarters.

While the inspector was waiting for the higher officials, the Japanese begged him to let them go, and pushed 1,000 yen into his hands, which sum the inspector handed over to his superior officer on his arrival. The books showed that the Japanese were selling tens of thousands yen worth of morphia, and the value of the machinery and plant is put down at twenty thousand yen.

The Japanese will be tried by the Japanese Consul, while the whole of the plant has been seized by the Chinese police.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on November 1, 1926—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

Tytam	1925	1926
Tytam Bywash	307.10 B. 58.8 B.	25.7 B. 83.2 B.
Tytam Intermediate	22.0 B. 11.7 B.	22.0 B. 11.7 B.
Tytam Tuk	6.11 B. 0.6 B.	6.11 B. 0.6 B.
Wong Nei Chung	1.44 B. 1.15 B.	1.44 B. 1.15 B.
Pokfulam	13.4 B. 5.4 B.	13.4 B. 5.4 B.

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow." A. denotes "Above Overflow."]
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

Tytam	1925	1926
Tytam Bywash	174.68	330.12
Tytam Intermediate	.35	11.75
Tytam Tuk	202.06	196.90
Wong Nei Chung	1,251.92	1,406.98
Pokfulam	14.36	17.18
	87.92	64.98

Total 1,380.69, 2,024.92

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of October—

Consumption	1925	1926
Estimated Population	258,300	258,300
per day (gallons)	21.0	20.6

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KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

Kowloon Gravitation	5.10 B. 0.1 B.	5.10 B. 0.1 B.
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	21.7 B. 1.7 B.	21.7 B. 1.7 B.

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

Kowloon Gravitation	1925	1926
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	294.48	351.93
	88.48	100.39

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of October—

Consumption	1925	1926
Estimated population	152,260	157,800
per day (gallons)	15.8	16.1

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SEALS REMOVED.

"MINGKUOPAO" AGAIN FREE TO PUBLISH.

A successful application was made by Mr. A. Covey in the Mixed Court, Shanghai, says the "Mercury," (dated November 8), to remove the seals from the offices of the Chinese newspaper "Mingkuopao" ("Republican Daily News"), which were placed upon them by order of the same Court about two weeks ago as a result of the paper having published certain articles considered to be of an inflammatory nature, being anti-Northern in tone. The sealing orders were carried out at the request of the local Chinese authorities. Mr. Covey last week applied for the seals to be removed without success and this morning's application was a special application on the ground that there was no specific action against the paper.

Mr. Maitland, Public Prosecutor, asked the Court to order that those persons in authority over the "Mingkuopao" be bound over to refrain from printing any article similar to that which caused the sealing orders to be issued. Mr. Covey pointed out that there was no criminal action pending against the paper or its probationary editor who claimed responsibility for the publication of the offending articles. Under these circumstances he ordered of the Mixed Court, against the newspaper in question could possibly be maintained, argued Mr. Covey, who asked that the seals be broken.

The Court ordered that the seals be removed. No other order was made.

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KATORI MARU	Sunday, 21st Nov., at 5 p.m.
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 4th December.
KASHIMA MARU	Saturday, 11th December.
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MISHIMA MARU	Wednesday, 22nd December.
TANGO MARU	Monday, 29th November.
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TAKAOKA MARU	Saturday, 27th November.
MOYON (via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town).	Sunday, 20th November.
WAKASA MARU	Sunday, 26th December.
KAWACHI MARU	Saturday, 27th November.
KONKAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.	Wednesday, 1st December.
TOKUSHIMA MARU	Saturday, 18th December.
SADO MARU	Sunday, 23rd November.
CHITTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.	Monday, 29th November.
AKITA MARU	Wednesday, 1st December.
MURORAN MARU	Sunday, 23rd November.
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AKI MARU	Wednesday, 1st December.
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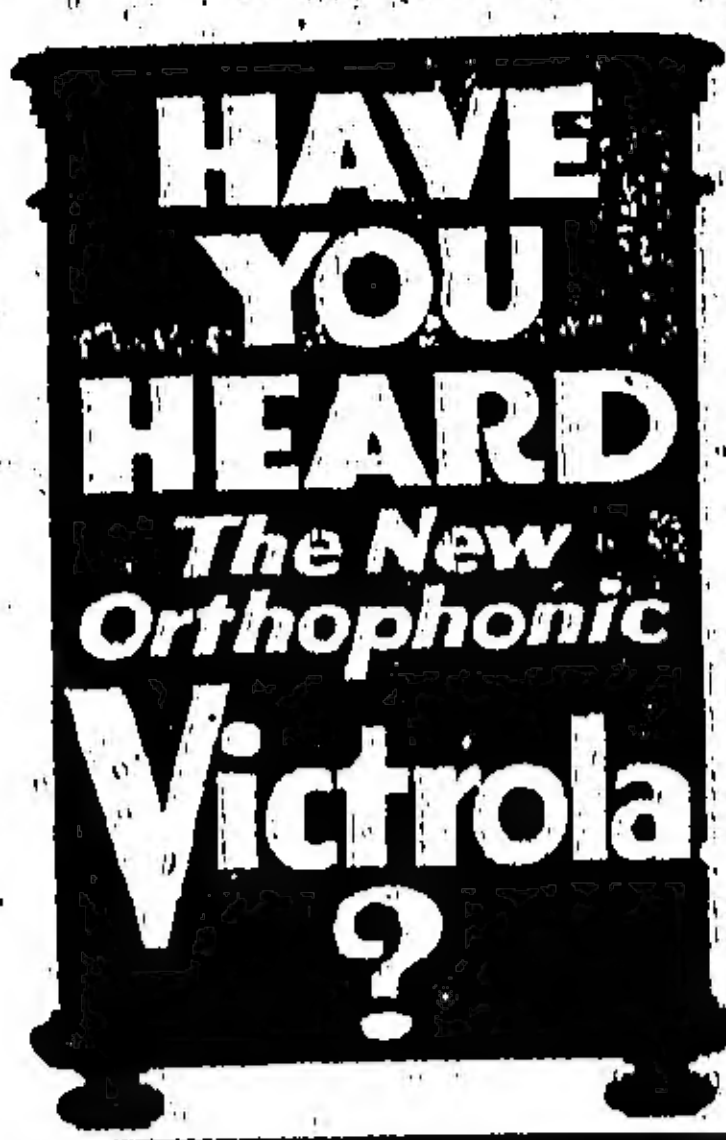
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BIRTH.

PAIN.—On November 3, 1926, to
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Paine, at
their residence, 14 Consul
Road, Mukden, Manchuria, a
daughter.

Hong Kong, Saturday, Nov. 20, 1926.

SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

The appeal in Hong Kong for the fund in aid of the relatives of those who lost their lives at Wanshan in September has not been maintained so fully as the promoters had reason to hope would be the case from the sympathetic and immediate response which greeted the launching of the appeal. This is a pity, as there could be few better causes. First there was the distinguished bravery which characterised the conduct of those who took part in what has come to be known as the epic of Wanshan—in itself sufficient to commend the claims of the dependants of those who lost their lives. Then there was the nature of the cause in which those lives were laid down, viz., the protection of shipping and of the lives and liberty of British subjects in foreign waters. There should therefore be no lack of support for the fund among any foreign community in the Far East, and it is to be hoped that an impetus may be given to the appeal locally so that Hong Kong's contribution may adequately represent the appreciation that is felt locally of the action of those who made the supreme sacrifice.

The loss of the interport cricket match with Shanghai has led to the "what-might-have-been" reflections which are usual on such occasions. The comment of the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird at the interport dinner might be read as a reflection on young men in the Far East in that, in Mr. Bird's opinion, they exhibit a preference for the Roof Garden and such places, where they may perfect themselves in the latest "fashions" in dancing. Such criticism, however, is a little unfair in view of the fact that most young men do not leave their offices until five o'clock. By that time in the cricket season there remains but half an hour or so of daylight—a period which in many cases would be taken up in arriving at the

ground, and getting into suitable clothes. Debarred from active outdoor sport, it is surely not an indication of femininity that the young men in question turn to the most healthy form of indoor relaxation which is possible to them? A wider adoption of the "summer time" policy in operation in a few local offices whereby, in return for attending office earlier in the morning, the staff is allowed a corresponding period off in the afternoon, would be as well come to cricketers or would-be cricketers as it would be beneficial to the standard of local cricket. Many heads of local business firms were present at the dinner at which Mr. Bird's comment was made, and applauded the sentiments he expressed. Is not the remedy very largely in their own hands?

The traditions of the sea have been enriched by the epic defence of the "Sunning." Hereafter, whenever piracy in the China Sea comes up for mention, the "Sunning" exploit will be recalled with pride and pleasure. Landsmen find it difficult to picture the scene on the "Sunning" during that terrible night. Could there have been three greater perils at one time than the terrific sea, a burning ship and a pirate horde? Darkness only was required to intensify the ordeal—darkness to give cover to the lurking ruffians who were ready to shoot at sight. Little wonder the captain of the "Sunning" was "all in" when he stepped ashore at Taikoo, after the further anxiety of a long tow through dirty weather into Hong Kong harbour. The sympathy and admiration of the entire community will go out to Captain Pringle and his men, especially to the Chief Engineer, Mr. Cormack, who had the misfortune to be the only one to suffer serious injuries at the hands of the pirates. The opinion is strongly held in Hong Kong that the admiration of the community for the "Sunning" heroes should not be permitted to stop short at mere words. These men, in performing their duty, have also rendered a great service to the Colony—indeed, to every port in the Far East. They have taught the pirates a lesson which should have lasting effects and they have given a new inspiration to the measures to cope with an evil that has cost many lives and caused immense losses.

MANDATES.

BRITAIN ANSWERS FAMOUS QUESTIONNAIRE.

"INCORRECT & DANGEROUS."

Geneva, Nov. 19.

The British Government, replying to the famous questionnaire of the Mandates Commission declares that the questionnaire is unnecessary and irreconcilable with the statutory principles of the Mandates Commission's duties.

The reply argues that it is an incorrect and dangerous practice to grant an audience to aggrieved petitioners inhabiting mandated territories, and points out that the British mandatees are always ready to supply information to any petition submitted to the League.

TOLD TO QUIT.

Soldiers Dispossess Boy Scouts.

SHANGHAI INDIGNANT.

Our Weekly Letter From the North.

Shanghai, Nov. 14.

We have certainly had a number of "incidents" during the past year or so, but I doubt whether any has caused such widespread indignation as the latest outrage.

Most of your readers will have heard that a couple of years ago, Mr. Harold Holgate, the Hon. Secretary of the Shanghai Boy Scouts Association succeeded in obtaining from the Shanghai Race Club the sum of \$25,000 on loan, free of interest, with which was purchased a plot of land on the Hungjiao Road for use as a permanent camp for our local Scouts. Nearly all the Shanghai boys came forward with gifts of bricks, timber, beds and other equipment and a splendid hut, was erected, with little cost to the Association.

On Wednesday last, when six troops of Scouts were camping out at the Millington Camp—named after our local Commissioner who has done so much for the movement—a Chinese officer, accompanied by approximately 100 soldiers arrived on the scene and ordered the Scouts to quit.

The campers included three Chinese troops, mostly Cantonese, who were participating in a jamboree with the foreign Scouts. Everything was going well until the Chinese troops arrived from the Hungjiao aerodrome, informing Mr. Noel Jacobs, the District Scoutmaster that there was a war on and that he must move his boys at once.

In order to save any unnecessary trouble Mr. Jacobs and the Scouts moved to Mr. Hawkins' garden, a few yards away. The matter, however, is regarded as most serious for the land is actually owned by British and registered at the office of the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs as British property.

The Races.

The Autumn Race Meeting attracted huge crowds to the Race Course, and several "old timers" have expressed the opinion that never before during the long history of racing in Shanghai have such huge crowds turned out for the morning races.

The Race Club premises have undergone several important changes during the summer months. The magnificent new buildings in Mohawk Road are now completed and make a handsome addition to what was already a really fine property. The old stands have been brightly lit up with a coat of paint, new saddling paddock has been erected immediately to the rear of the weighing-in enclosure and nothing has been spared in the matter of looking after the comfort of members and their guests.

Racing, on the whole, was quite up to our best standards. I understand that Reuter's, as usual, be sending you the results, so it is unnecessary for me to let you have details in this letter. The sensation of the meeting, of course, was Gog's win in the Whangpoo Handicap, when Reid brought home the McBain pony to pay \$2,116.20 for a win and \$287 for a place.

Armistice Day.

Shanghai observed the eighth anniversary of the Armistice in its usual manner. A dignified ceremony at the Cenotaph at 8.30 a.m., at which the Senior Consul made a short speech, was followed by the annual service at the Cathedral when huge crowds thronged the sacred edifice. As usual, all seats were removed from the nave, but although every inch was occupied, many were forced to remain outside in the cloisters.

The Shipping Strike.

At the moment of writing there is little change in the situation as regards the strike of firemen and sailors of the China Merchants' Company, who are demanding what the Company considers to be exorbitant compensation as a result of the recent a.s. "Kiangyung" explosion at Kiukiang, when the majority of the crew were killed in addition to 1,200 Northern troops who were on board at the time. Mr. Fu Siao-en, the Managing Director of the Company has returned to Shanghai from Ningpo in response to an urgent message from his co-directors.

More Trouble.

In addition to the local strike the China Merchants Company has been faced with further trouble, news having been received that the a.s. "Kiang King" one of their up-river ships, has grounded on the rocks in the upper river. The vessel is reported to be in a dangerous condition.

Hobby Exhibition.

The Shanghai Rotary Club are to be congratulated upon the success of their Hobby Exhibition at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. This is quite an innovation to Shanghai, but has proved an unqualified success. The

OUR FINANCES.

POSITION AT END OF AUGUST.

The financial statement for the month of August, 1926, is published in the "Government Gazette."

Revenue and Expenditure.

Balance of Assets and Liabilities on July 31, 1926, \$6,512,870.98

Revenue from August 1 to 31, 1926, 1,680,109.36

Balance, \$6,521,967.69

Expenditure from August 1 to 31, 1926, 1,680,109.36

Balance, \$6,521,967.69

Assets and Liabilities on August 31, 1926.

Liabilities.

Deposits not Available, \$969,289.58

Coal Account, \$4,942.98

Postal Agencies, \$8,913.58

Suspense Account, \$86,058.65

Total Liabilities, \$1,369,192.79

Balance, \$6,521,967.69

Total, \$7,891,160.48

Assets.

Subsidiary Coins, \$1,555,130.24

Advances, \$151,570.12

Building Loans, \$1,572,628.56

Imprest, \$64,821.00

House Service Account, \$4,462.06

Crown Agents Deposit Account, \$18,285.72

Unallocated Stores, \$466,389.81

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Unallocated Stores, \$419,714.78

(Railway)

Investment Account, \$3,312,369.24

Lorry Haulage Account, \$4,781.53

Balance at Banks, \$267,244.19

Crown Agents Current Account, \$43,763.24

Total, \$7,891,160.48

† Cash lent at interest, \$2,000

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NASTY SKID.

KOWLOON MOTOR CYCLIST'S ACCIDENT.

The many friends of Mr. R. Danenberg of the China Light and Power Co. will regret to learn that whilst motor-cycling in Nathan Road on Thursday afternoon, he collided with a wall opposite the President Apartments, sustaining injuries which necessitated his admission to hospital.

The "China Mail" understands that Mr. Danenberg, who was riding a 4 h.p. Harley-Davidson combination, was travelling in the direction of the Po Hing Theatre from the Mongkok Fire Station and when approaching the junction of Nathan and Waterloo Roads, a small Chinese girl carrying some crockery crossed the road in front of the on-coming machine. In trying to avoid knocking over the girl, Mr. Danenberg swerved and skidded. An ambulance was immediately sent for and Mr. Danenberg was taken to the hospital for treatment.

walls of the building are covered with some beautiful scrolls, the work of local artists, whilst Mr. C. F. King's fine carved bamboo have been much admired.

A fine collection of Chinese coins has been the subject of much discussion among local numismatists, whilst a group of woodwork, exhibited by pupils of Sloyd School is most commendable. Among other exhibits were a pen of Barred Plymouth Rocks, hatched out from eggs imported last May from Seattle, pencil drawings, postcard collections, stamps, flowers and paper-work. Judging is to take place to-day.

The Coronets

The A.D.C. vaudeville show, to which I referred a week or so ago, has attracted huge 'houses' to the Lyceum and has, incidentally, brought forward once again, the crying need for a new theatre. A long programme was up to the highest A.D.C. standard, but perhaps the outstanding feature of the show was Cecil King's turn at the piano, where he showed consummate skill in burlesquing several great pieces. Farce, alternating with humour made up the rest of the programme. "Operatic Volunteering" providing topical and amusing references well done.

Interport Cricket.

All eyes are on the Shanghai team that have at last left for Hong Kong. The "wise guys" in the clubs are telling people that the "President Harrison" incident was an evil omen and that once again the Shanghai team will fall to the prowess of Hong Kong. Others, on the other hand, have the fullest confidence in Captain Barrett and his team. We have just heard that Hong Kong are all out for 174 and are keenly waiting to hear news of the Shanghai eleven.

GOING AMOK.

How Witchcraft Causes Madness.

AMAZING BELIEFS.

Powers Ascribed to Singapore Women.

[By "Li Chung-yin"]

Interest has again been revived among Cantonese residents in Hong Kong in a type of witchcraft suspected to be rife in the Malay Seas, which has been responsible for men running amok with violence that can hardly be believed.

After the report of the outbreak of trouble on board the s.s. "Hong Peng," the staff of a firm of Singapore exporters discussed the matter with considerable credulity.

For the purpose of the argument they assumed that the passenger who ran amok was a man and, of course, a Chinese.

A Form of Hypnotism.

Although a plea of insanity was not put forward at the "Talamb" murder trial at the last Sessions, the shophen also took it for granted that one or more of the deportees concerned (not necessarily the defendant) was weak in mind through this indefinable, evil influence.

At least a dozen instances were recalled of returned emigrants, who had been clients of the firm, getting into trouble through coming under this form of hypnotism which has such great power. Those who practise this witchcraft, I was told, were Malay women in the East Indies, Siam, Malaya, &c.

"Ankat Ekan" Woman.

The Cantonese call it "kong tau," which means "pertaining to incarnation"—the belief being that those qualified in the art can exercise their will on others to the extent of putting a spirit in them!

The Malays have a term "ankat ekan," which literally means the "gripping fish" and is used to denote a crab. In that language, an "ankat ekan" woman is a shrew of the worst type. But the most popular name among foreigners who have come across this sort of thing, in the course of underworld inquiries, is the "hoodoo" woman.

Popular opinion is that the Malays themselves are more or less immune; but Chinese, especially Cantonese and Fukienese, are easy victims.

Precious Gold Charm.

I was shown a red paper charm, no bigger than a postage stamp, with hundreds of small Chinese letters written on it and folded up so small that it occupied only a fraction of the space in a tiny gold locket. This locket had been left in the shop by a Cantonese lady, the concubine of a Fukien merchant in Penang, who is a business connection of the shop in question.

The lady wore this locket under her dress night and day when she was down South and she fully believed that the charm, given to her by a monk for a monetary consideration, would protect her from Malay witchcraft.

They say that it is fatal for a Cantonese man to incur the enmity of any Malay female. If for some reason a hoodoo woman wishes to exercise complete control over one of the sterner sex, all she has to do is to cast this wonderful spell over him. And there are a great many who are capable of doing so, the rumour goes.

Separation Fatal.

If a man is struck with "kong tau" and fails to return to the author of his misery for respite, he goes mad. Hence the number of men who run amok!

That deportees are often affected is ascribed to their continual association with persons of ill-repute. For one purpose or another, hoodoo women in the underworld have suited their purpose by thus stupefying a man. The latter runs foul of the law in carrying out an illegal behest and is finally deported. His sudden separation from the woman who alone can remove the spell is fatal. Then he loses his reason and commits crimes of which he is unconscious, simply because his mind is unbalanced and there is an innate craving to throw off the yoke under which he labours.

A Chinese boy riding a cycle down the hill leading from Yau-mai Station to Argyle Street, yesterday morning, crashed into a nullah. Mr. G. Saunders, of the Kowloon Fire Brigade, who was passing at the time, rendered first aid, afterwards telephoning for the ambulance. The cyclist, who is at present in the Kwong Wah Hospital, Kowloon, is said to be in a serious condition.

NOT CHARGED YET.

"SUNNING" PRISONERS BEING IDENTIFIED.

CHARGED REMAINS.

Expectations were disappointed again this morning when the suspected pirates were not formally charged before the Magistrate.

The process of identification, entailing as it does the need for utmost care, is still being continued and is not expected to be completed by Monday or, possibly, Tuesday. Grouped among men of similar appearance, demeanour and clothing, who are to quote a Chief Justice—brought in from the highways and hedges, the men detained have to be put through a number of paces to be identified in turn, and proceedings have to be minutely recorded and checked.

It is expected that those who will be proceeded with at first, face only the charge of piracy on the high seas, but other counts may follow.

The question does not arise, at the moment, of any allegation of murder, as in the case of the "Sui Kung" ferry. But a delicate and unusual situation will arise if Mr. Lapsley is not found or others are still missing.

Only when a man faces the capital charge does the Crown furnish him with counsel to defend.

Nothing further is to be reported yet regarding Mr. H. W. Lapsley.

The charged remains of a dead body, the age, sex and nationality of which are unknown, have been removed to the Public Mortuary from the s.s. "Sunning."

RECOGNITION.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]
Sir.—The defence of the s.s. "Sunning" surely deserves some public recognition. If such action as that of the officers of the "Sunning" were the rule and not the exception, piracy would not pay and would soon cease. But those who take such action and "resist to the uttermost" incur great risk and should surely receive some recognition for the risk they incur. With this in view I have forwarded a Cheque for \$50 to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire to start a fund which they may distribute as they think fit among those who so ably defended the ship entrusted to their charge.—Yours, etc.,
A.B.
Hong Kong, November 19, 1926.

The Court of Justice at Medan has sentenced a Japanese, Kozo Oriuchi, accused of ill-treating coolies on the Peoloe Mandi estate, to 2½ years imprisonment.

MUZZLES TO STAY.

A 6-MONTH'S PERIOD NECESSARY.

SHANGHAI POSITION.

A correspondent, in raising the question of the continued enforcement of the Muzzling Order, urges that it is quite unnecessary to muzzle all dogs; that cases of rabies are few and far between and that when they occur the dog concerned is invariably an unmuzzled stray animal. "Why therefore," our correspondent asks, "should we continue to muzzle our pets?"

For the information of the correspondent and others interested, the "China Mail" is able to state that, as far as is generally known at the moment the Government has no intention at present of rescinding the order.

A dog may be bitten by a rabid dog and yet not develop hydrophobia for fully six months. Hence the regulations with regard to the quarantine of dogs entering the United Kingdom.

Questioned with regard to the regulations governing the bringing of dogs to Hong Kong from Shanghai, a local authority said that it was originally forbidden to import dogs from any port in China, but some three years ago Shanghai was exempted in view of the absence of rabies there and the general sanitation of the Settlements.

The last case of rabies occurred in Cox's Path, Kowloon, on October 9. Previous to that there had been no case since August 17 when a stray dog was shot in Queen's Road Central.

"THE OTHER SIDE."

SHOULD BE TRIED AT KOWLOON?

"Several hundred cartons of various brands of cigarettes were displayed in Major C. Willson's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning when a middle-aged Chinese was charged with selling the goods without a licence.

Mr. A. J. A. Appleby, who appeared for the defence, said that he had only just been instructed and asked His Worship to grant an adjournment.

"Where does the defendant live?" asked the Magistrate. The Court interpreter informed the Bench that the defendant resided "the other side of the water."

His Worship said that he thought the case should be tried at the Kowloon Magistracy, but Inspector Marks said that the defendant had been arrested at the Revenue Office when applying for a licence because he had heard that the "Police were after him."

Major Willson said that he would hear the case on Tuesday morning and remanded the defendant on bail of \$25.

LABOUR SQUABBLE.

SUNNING SECESSIONISTS KILLED.

STRIKE NOW OVER.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Pakkai, Kongmoon, Nov. 16.
Five secessionists from the Sunning Railway employees' union have been killed and the strike has ended.

Trains are now running again. It will be recalled that as a sequel to the strike for better pay, some of the workmen formed their own union of "Five Districts Railway Engineers."

Six of the leaders were "arrested" by pickets from the central guild in Canton. After five of these were killed the new union was abolished.

The question of increased pay has not been settled but a truce was brought about by the mediation of the local authorities and other labour unions.

Pirates Captured.
There has been another punitive expedition against pirates at Ku-cheng. Two pirates were captured and a number of bamboo huts were burned out.

CANTON'S PROGRESS.

YANG SEN WON OVER TO THE CAUSE.

SUPPRESSING BANDITS.

Canton, Nov. 19.

The assumption of the post of Commander of the 20th Revolutionary Army by General Yang Sen, the Szechuan military leader, is believed here will make a profound change in the situation in Szechuan province. It is believed that he will use his 20,000 soldiers for operations west of Hupien province.

Bandit suppression work in Kwangtung province is reported to be proceeding smoothly. Many interior districts having been rid of bandit bands.

U.S. Admiral's Appreciation.

Admiral Williams, of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, with Mrs. Williams, who arrived here on Thursday on an unofficial visit, spent the first day in visiting the city; the second day at the Yellow Flower Hill where are buried the seventy-two martyrs of the Revolution. Admiral Williams expressed great interest in the signs of progress in Canton and environs.—Canton Information Bureau, through Reuter.

CABLE & WIRELESS.

CHEAPER PRESS RATES SOUGHT.

INFLUENTIAL DEPUTATION.

London, Nov. 19.

A deputation of the Empire Press Union, headed by Lord Burnham, chief proprietor of the "Daily Telegraph," waited on the communications committee of the Imperial Conference this afternoon and submitted a memorandum emphasising the necessity for reduction in cable and wireless press rates within the Empire.

Besides Lord Burnham the speakers included Sir Robert Donald, Chairman of the Empire Press Union, Sir Roderick Jones, the head of Reuter's, Sir Stanley Reed, Editor of the "Times of India," Mr. Corsbie Roles, Hon. Secretary of the Empire Press Union, and a Director of the "Times of Ceylon" Co., and Mr. Taylor Darbyshire.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. L. M. S. Amery and the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Bruce, responded very sympathetically and promised most careful consideration of the representations.—Reuter.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR NOVEMBER, 1926.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich.)

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
November	a.m.	p.m.
" 20	6.39	5.39
" 21	6.39	5.38
" 22	6.40	5.38
" 23	6.40	5.38
" 24	6.41	5.38
" 25	6.42	5.38
" 26	6.43	5.38
" 27	6.43	5.38
" 28	6.44	5.38
" 29	6.45	5.38
" 30	6.46	5.38

The Dutch-American expedition to New Guinea is to commence the return journey to Java in the beginning of December.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

AN AUSTRALIAN WEDDING IN YUNNAN-FU.

REV. H. A. G. CLARK & MISS LUDBROOK.

Yunnan-fu was the scene of a charming Australian wedding on November 10, when the Rev. H. A. G. Clark, was married to Miss Dorothy Christiana Ludbrook, both of Sydney, Australia.

The marriage was celebrated in the Church of the United Methodist Mission, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, by Mrs. Wohrley, with bamboos and French marigolds.

There were a large number present at the wedding, including the bride's mother and sister, who had come from Australia specially for the ceremony.

The marriage service was conducted by Dr. Killmer, Mr. Myle presided at the organ. Mrs. Evans, wife of the Pastor of the Church, acted as hostess at the Church, receiving the guests.

The bride, who was given away by the Rev. A. Anderson, was attended by two bridesmaids, her sister, Miss Priscilla Ludbrook, and Miss Pearl Killmer. Dr. Wohrley was best man.

The bride's dress was of white silk, with Watteau train edged with pale green. She wore a net veil, beautifully embroidered, and fastened round the head with orange blossoms. The bridal bouquet was of white chrysanthemums. Miss P. Ludbrook's dress was of muslin decorated with farne coloured flowers.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the grounds of the C.M.S. Hospital, Dr. Mary Watson acting as hostess.

H.B.M. Consul-General, Mr. G. Combe, proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom in a happy little speech, to which the bridegroom made suitable reply.

Numerous congratulatory telegrams were read at the reception, and great admiration was expressed for the many beautiful presents from Australia, brought to Yunnan-fu by the bride's mother.

JURY'S VERDICT.

ELECTROCUTION DEATHS IN TYPHOON.

The inquest into the deaths of two Chinese pedestrians who were electrocuted in Shanghai Street, Kowloon, on the morning of the last typhoon was concluded before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, sitting as Coroner, and a jury at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. D. J. Lewis watched the proceedings on behalf of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., and Mr. M. H. Turner, appeared on behalf of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd.

Further evidence was heard in regard to the condition of the overhead wires, their insulation and the possible effects that a typhoon might bear upon them.

The Coroner then addressed the jury at some considerable length, stating that much had been said with regard to the statutory obligations of the two companies concerned.

Both were utility companies and the way they conducted their undertakings was of interest to the public.

What the Law Laid Down.

As a matter of fact, the law had laid down what they had and what they had not to do. It had been admitted, quite frankly, that one of the companies had not been following in its entirety the statutory obligations that had been laid down, but it had also been said that the accident had been inevitable and that a similar one had never occurred before.

It was for the jury to say whether guard-wires would have prevented the accident and whether guard wires would prevent a similar accident in future.

The jury found that the two deceased met their deaths by electrocution caused by the Telephone Co.'s wires coming in contact with the China Light and Power wires from which the current degenerated, and added a suggestion that in future special precautions should be taken at all places where telephone wires crossed.

NOTICE

Closing hours for December 1926:

From 1st to 10th: 8 p.m.
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WEEPING AND WAILING.



Another scene on the deck of the "Sunning" after the authorities had taken over control. Among the confusion of baggage and lifebelts strewn everywhere, a group of Shanghai passengers of the poorer class are seen bitterly weeping over their misfortune in having been robbed by the pirates. The features and clothing are typically those of North China emigrants. A bluejacket of the boarding party from H.M.S. "Bluebell" is on the right. The figure in the centre foreground (in the spotted coat) is an extraordinarily fat Chinese girl who refused to be comforted.

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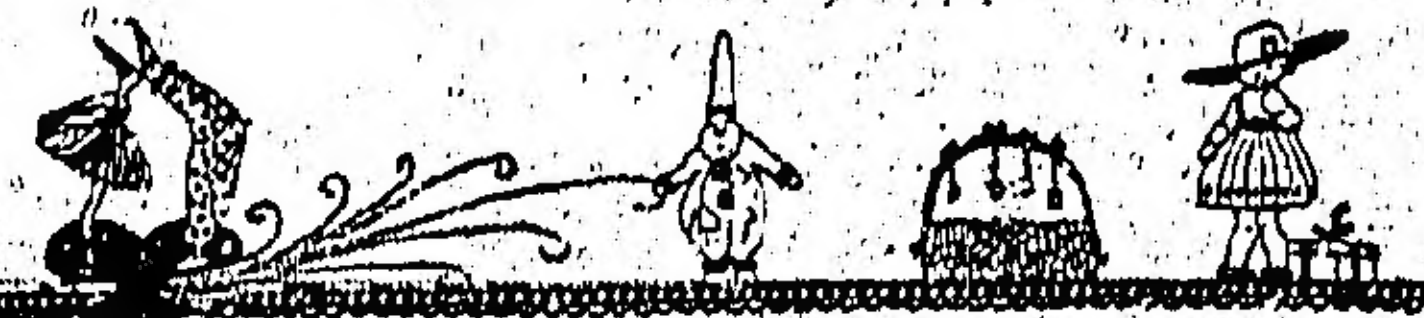
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The Chinese Maritime Customs staff at Pakkai has been reinforced by the addition of five Chinese sidewalkers transferred from Shanghai. Our own correspondent.

Mr. T. A. Hodson, C.C.S., has arrived at Kurnagalla to take up duties as Government Agent, N.W.P., in place of Mr. H. W. Codrington, who goes on leave.

Sub-Lieut. E. W. Howard-Crockett has been appointed to H.M.S. "Despatch," additional, and Sub-Lieut. C. H. de B. Newby, to H.M.S. "Vindictive" from November 2.

M. Tchicherin and Rushdi Bey have signed a treaty of alliance at Odessa with the object of concluding a pact between the nations of the East. The support of Persia is uncertain.

For resisting to permit a taking to search him, a Chinese was fined \$10 at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday. The defendant pleaded that the complainant was in plain clothes and did not reveal his identity.

A sentence of seven days' hard labour was imposed on a Chinese by Major G. Wilson at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday when the defendant was charged with stealing a pair of trousers which he was in the act of pawnbroking when he was arrested.

President Machado of Cuba in an Armistice Day address declared that if the co-operation of the Congress were not forthcoming the ideals of those who died for Cuban freedom might be lost, and intimated that he was ready to declare a dictatorship, if necessary.

The importance of trade at Pakkai (the port of Kongsu) is emphasised by the appointment by Canton of the head of the Special Taxes Bureau there. He is Mr. Ying S. Ng, who has a Master of Arts degree, and speaks English and French very fluently. Our own correspondent.

By way of protest against the action of the Governor General abolishing the Board of Control of the Philippine national enterprises, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate have announced the intention of the Legislature to go on a non-co-operative strike and to refuse to hold sessions in future.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Jean Perrin, a Professor at the Sorbonne, has been awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics.

Mr. Jean Millet, the French Danube Commissioner, was drowned on November 8 in the Danube while inspecting French ships.

Mr. Lau Chung-pun has been appointed to be a "Forest Officer" for the control and superintendence of the forests of the Colony, with effect from November 15, in succession to Mr. Leung Kim-chen, resigned.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of William Wai-lam Ma, merchant, of No. 3, Kennedy Road, to Ruby Hon. Yan, student, of Kan Koo Terrace, Wanchai.

Dr. V. K. Ting, mayor of Shanghai, returned to Shanghai on November 11, but left shortly afterward for Nanking. Mr. Sun Shih-jen, Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's local agent, also returned to Shanghai.

Judge Adolph Wislizenus of the court of first instance of Cebu died on the 12th instant, after a long illness. There were Protestant rites at the house of the deceased before interment and Catholic ceremonies at the cemetery.

Friends in Hong Kong of Mr. Donald W. Leach, the Shanghai Interport cricketer of all-round ability, have presented him with a wedding gift. Mr. H. R. B. Hancock made the presentation and Mr. Leach replied amidst laughter that married life had not improved his batting.

According to a Reuters cable from Stockholm, Mr. G. B. Shaw's letter accepting the honour of the Nobel award but suggesting the accompanying money (\$8,500) be devoted to the encouragement of Anglo-Swedish intercourse in art and literature, is interpreted as tantamount to rejection of the whole award. The general view is epitomised by a member of the Academy stating that the prize money cannot be used as Mr. Shaw suggests, and must be retained by the committee as though the award had not been made.

The market hitherto kept open in the match and market-building at Panya East is closed.

It is proclaimed by order of His Excellency the Governor in Council that Sourabaya is a place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevails.

It is notified that Memorials of Re-entry by the Crown on Rural Building Lot No. 235, New Kowloon Dairy Farm Lot No. 11, and Kowloon Island Lot No. 1732 have been registered according to law.

It is notified that His Excellency the Governor in Council has given directions for the rescission of the Order of July 26, proclaiming Shanghai to be a place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevails, and the same is hereby rescinded.

To-morrow, at 9 a.m., His Lordship Mgr. H. Valtorta will solemnly open the new Catholic Chapel at Tai Po (N.T.). All friends and benefactors will be welcomed. The 8.30 a.m. express train from Kowloon will stop at Tai Po Market.

It is notified that the names of the Andrew Forbes & Company, Limited, the China Metals & Welding Company, Limited, the United Asiatic Company, Limited, the Hing Loong Oil Manufacturing Company, Limited and the Hing Loong Mineral Water Company, Limited, have been struck off the Register of Companies.

Notice is given that the Governor proposes to make an order under the Streets (Alteration) Ordinance, 1923, for closing the extreme southern end of North Street. Any person objecting to the proposed order must send his objection in writing to the Colonial Secretary not later than December 11.

It is announced that General Bramwell Booth, the Head of the Salvation Army, who is making a world tour of inspection of the Army's work, will arrive in the Colony by the P. & O. s.s. "Devanha" on Tuesday morning. The General, who will leave for India on Wednesday evening, has promised to address a public meeting at the City Hall at 5.30 on that afternoon. The meeting will be open to the public and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

Mr. Lister Henry and Mr. Kerby Clough, prominent Kobe merchants, are visiting Shanghai.

Inspector G. Greenslade has arrived in Tientsin from Shanghai to join the British Municipal Police staff.

Mr. E. Nordstrom, District Deputy, Postal Commissioner for Chihli, has been appointed acting Commissioner for Shansi, and will proceed to Taiyuanfu shortly. He will be succeeded by Mr. R. M. Caudron, District Accountant, whose place will be filled by Mr. L. D. Murray.

On October 29 Madame Wellington Koo arrived in Harbin and was met at the railway station by the whole of the Chinese officials, and on the same evening a special dinner was given in her honour at the Moderne Hotel. On October 30 she left by the Siberian express for Paris and London.

A garden party was given in Tokyo by Foreign Minister Baron Shidehara on November 8 at the residence of Baron Iwasaki, which was attended by 800 guests, including Premier Wakatsuki, savants who are attending the Pan-Pacific Science Congress, and foreign delegates to the general meeting of the Red Cross Society.

The Panshan Lama is being urged to return to Tibet to take up domestic and diplomatic affairs by 40 representatives who arrived in Peking on November 3 from his native land. The group went to the capital via India. It is said that the Buddhists called on the Panshan Lama at Ying Tai shortly after their arrival to make their appeal for his return.

Irineo San Jose, a colonel in the army of the Philippine revolution and manager and proprietor of the Philippine Employment Bureau on Calle Escolta, Manila, was charged in the court of first instance, with having kissed and embraced Paz Gomez, a young girl thirteen years old against the wishes of the latter. On December 1, 1925, the offended girl went to his office to seek employment. Instead of giving her a job, the accused is said to have kissed her against her consent.

A successful dance was held at the King Edward's Hotel last night by the ship's company of H.M.S. "Hermes." The "Semrah" band provided the music.

The Japanese Finance Office is stated to have struck out the Foreign Office estimate to establish a legation in Teheran in 1926.

The Dutch East Indies Museum of the Mining Department, which was to be founded at Bandoeng, will not be built. The expenses were to exceed Gld. 300,000.

The Kamunting Tin Company, of Singapore, has placed an order with the General Electric Company for generating plant in the power house, and also for the electrical equipment for a mining dredger.

A snake about 8 feet long was killed by Sergeant Raich, on the Tai Po Road on Thursday afternoon. The snake was later given to a lukong, who, it was said, will use it to make certain brands of Chinese "medicine." Sergeant Raich used a stick to despatch the reptile.

There has been an alarming increase in the cases of malaria in the whole city of Bombay. A warning has been issued to troops stationed there to take adequate protection against the disease. Although the resumption of the Back Bay reclamation work is denied as the cause, an expert committee has been appointed to go into the matter.

There was a Radio programme for America's Navy Day, on October 27, "blanketing the entire country," from Portland, Me., to San Diego and from Seattle to Miami, Fla. The main programme went out from Washington through 25 stations, reaching as far west as St. Louis and Minneapolis. The relationship between the merchant marine and national defence was the topic to which all of the addresses for Navy Day were set.

According to the Palestine Zionist executive treasury report nearly \$865,000 was spent by the Zionist organisation in Palestine out of Keren Hayesod funds on account of the agricultural colonisation budget during the first eight months of the present year. During one month, May, about \$55,000 was spent on houses, stables and barracks, cattle and implements in the various agricultural holdings.

Mr. C. Cox of the P. and O. Bank has returned to Singapore from leave in England.

News has been received from Fremantle, Western Australia, of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCall. Mr. McCall was manager of Wearne Bros., Penang branch, and has now returned from leave as manager of Wearne Bros. in Singapore.

Miss Irma Duncan and her troupe of young pupils from the Isidore Duncan School of Dancing in Moscow scored a great triumph in Harbin, every performance being crowded to the doors. The fifth performance was "sold out" a quarter of an hour before the curtain rose. They propose to pay visits to Tientsin, Peking, and Shanghai.

At the annual meeting of the Singapore St. Patrick's Society Mr. Denis Santry, who is at present on leave, was unanimously re-elected President. Dr. Hoops was re-elected Vice-President. Mr. M. Wardell was elected honorary treasurer in place of Mr. L. P. Hickey, who is going on leave early next year, and Mr. G. Cullen was re-elected honorary secretary.

Reference to the departure from the Colony of the Hon. Mr. D. Beatty was made at the annual meeting of the Singapore St. Patrick's Society, and it was unanimously agreed that Dr. Hoops should write to Mr. Beatty expressing regret at his departure, also admiration for the able manner in which he has carried out his duties as Secretary for Chinese Affairs in the Colony.

On October 30 the first ball of the season was given at the Railway Club, Harbin (writes the "Shanghai Mercury") correspondent this being in aid of the Harbin Benevolent Society, and arranged by the wife of the C.E.R. manager, Mrs. Emshanoff. The whole of Harbin, financial, foreign, commercial, financial and social, seemed to be there and the evening passed off in a very lively manner. It is estimated that the takings will exceed \$5,000. For any Benevolent purpose Harbin is always ready to open its purse-strings.

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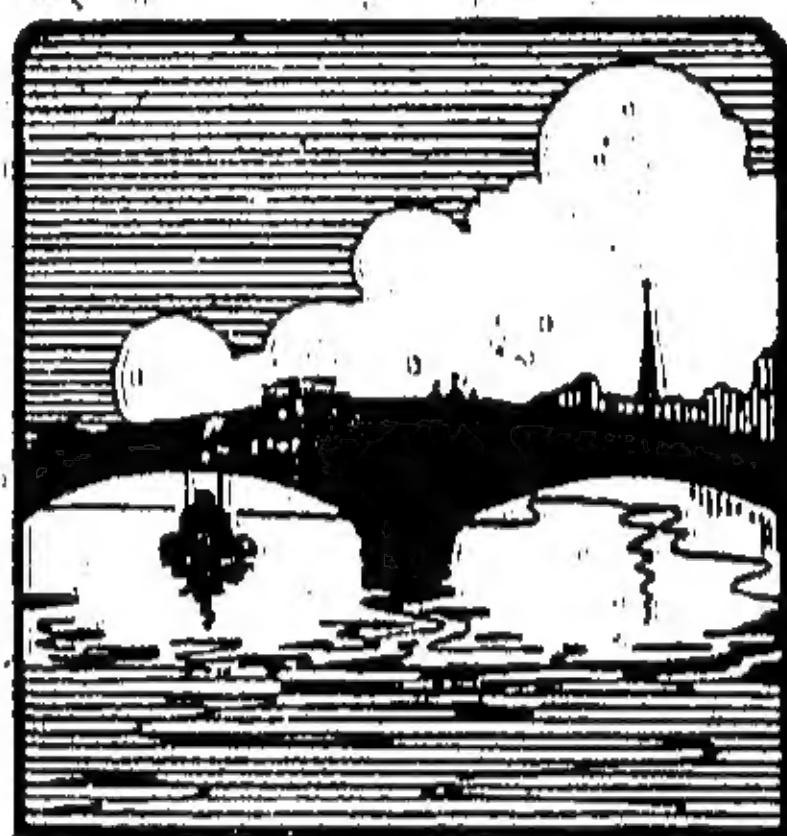
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Norma Dessygné Smallwood was chosen "Miss America" at the Atlantic City beauty pageant.



A group of artists decided that Gertrude Schneider had the most shapely limbs.



Mrs. Clemington Corson, waved a happy greeting to thousands who greeted the second woman to swim the English Channel on her return home.



Bud Stillman, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Stillman, is engaged to Lena Wilson, eighteen, a maid in his mother's home at Grand Anse, Canada.



Mr. Alexandre Zeitlin, sculptor, made this bust of Queen Marie of Roumania.



The Corson family dining in the new home which friends furnished after Mrs. Corson attained fame by swimming the English Channel. From left to right in the picture are Clemington, Jr., Mrs. Corson, Miss Majorie M. and Mr. Corson.



Mrs. Rose Rooney is shown winning a clam-eating contest at Rahoboth. She consumed two pecks. She did not eat the shells.



Mrs. Clemington Corson, the mother of two children, who duplicated Gertrude Ederle's feat of swimming the English Channel. She is shown with her children—Clemington, Jr., and Marjorie.

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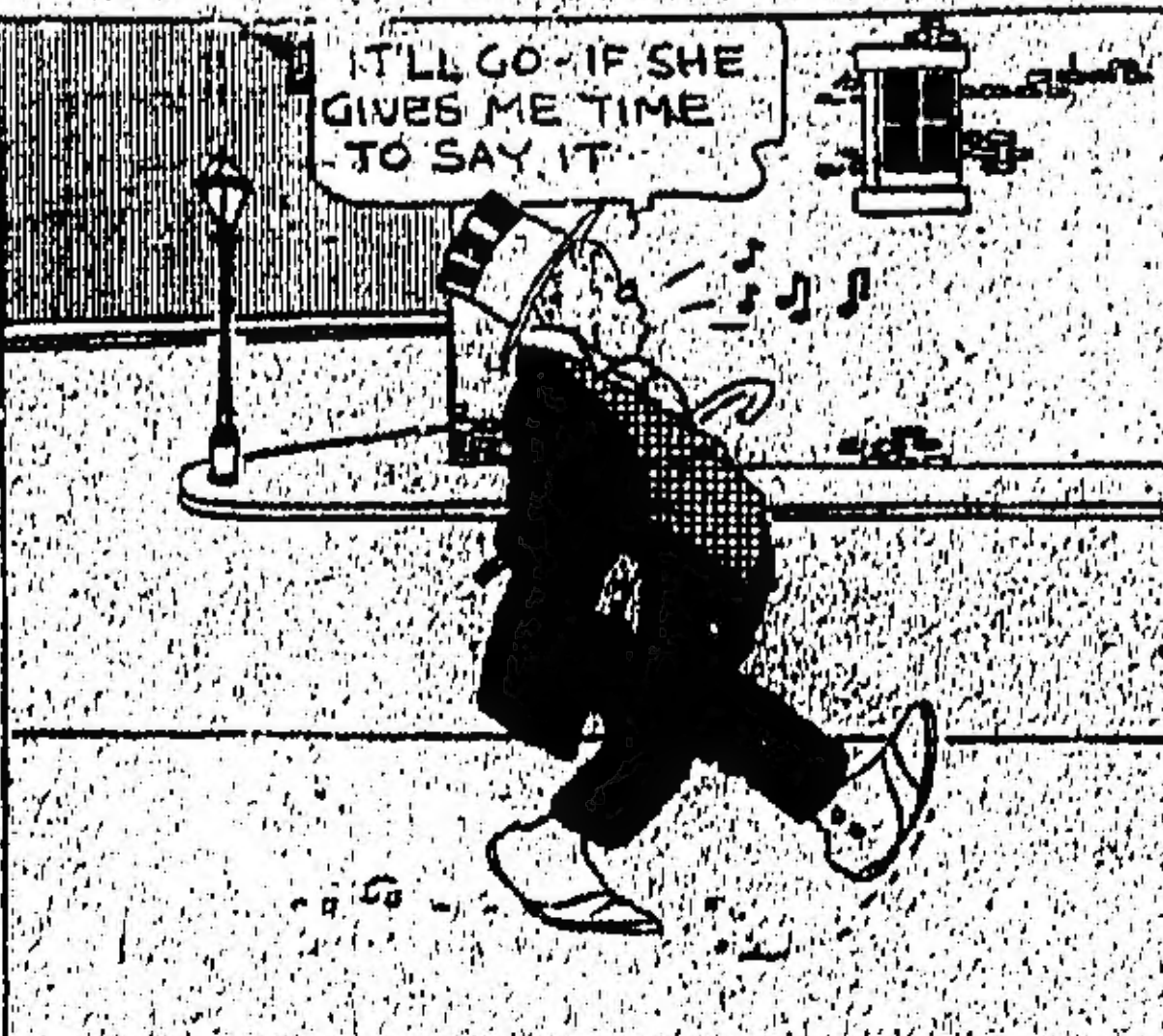
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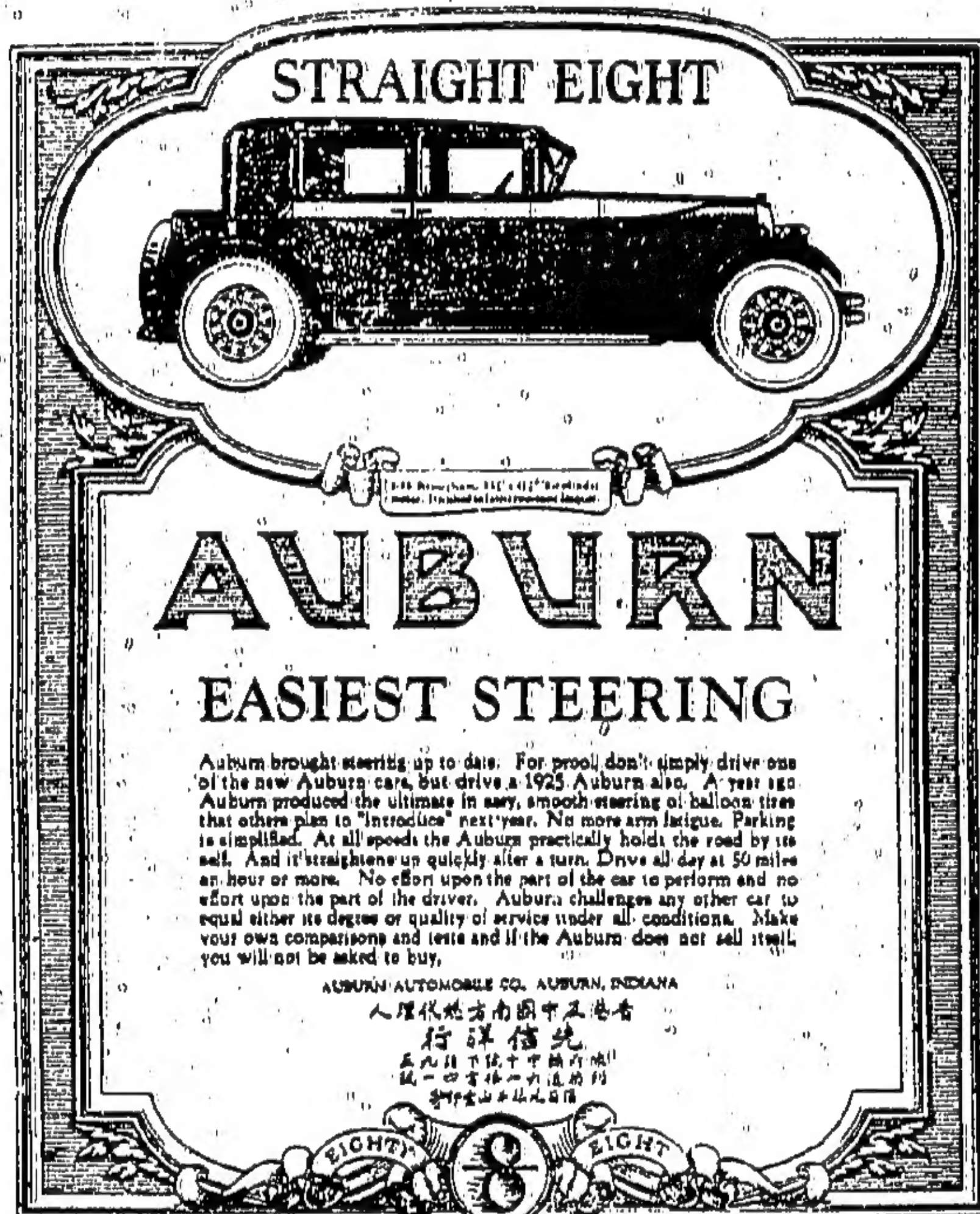
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HORS-D'OEUVRES.

SHORT TURNS & ENCORES.

A newspaper correspondent recently referred to the decline of today's figures. Yes, the bathing season is over!

What I call a successful monopolist is one who is able to put an elbow on each arm of his theatre chair.

I strictly deny the rumour that a man was recently arrested here on a charge of murder because he drowned sorrow and killed time.

There is no truth in the report that the Allies of North China are to have the services of a dozen or so Hollywood actresses because the latter can store enough powder to defeat the Nationalists.

It is told me that there lives somewhere a woman who is so cross-eyed that, when she weeps, the tears from her left eye run down her right cheek.

DELUSIVE.

It was a wet day in the country. The first hiker asked his companion: "See the rain, bo?—terribly big?"
"Where?"—And he looked all around for the rainbow!

HIS CHANCE OF FAME.

Phrenologist: "I think your boy will become a very distinguished man if he lives long enough."

Proud Parent: "Yes? What do you think he will be famous for?"
"Longevity—if he lives long enough!"

TO BE EXACT.

He: "Will you allow me to hold your hand for a second?"

She: "Yes—but how will you know when the second is up?"

He: "Oh, then I shall need a 'second hand'."

INSIGNIFICANT!

Acquaintance: "Well, Mr. John, shall I be seeing you at Miss Gertrude's wedding?"

"Yes, but in quite a minor capacity."

"And what is that?"

"Bridegroom!"

A TRAVELLER'S TALE.

She: "Were you ever in a railroad disaster?"

He: "Yes, I once kissed the wrong girl while we were in a tunnel."

WHAT AN INSULT!

Mistress: "I can't understand why you want to leave—something private?"

Maid: "No, Mum—he's a lance-corporal."

& PLUG THE KEYHOLE!

"Doctor, can you cure my snoring? I snore so loud that I awaken myself."

Doctor: "In that case, I'd advise you to sleep in another room."

CHUMMY BRAVES.

Evangeline: "Do the Indians have any distinct social groups?"

John: "Sure, haven't you heard of the Indian club?"

OXFORD BAGS TOO!

"How do you know Beedles is a college town?"

"Why, the girls there don't speak to you if you wear a hat!"

GOOD AND BAD.

"Sam, where've you been?"

"No place—just married."

"That's good."

"Not so good. I see step-dad to mine."

"That's bad."

"Not so bad. She's got plenty of dough."

"That's good."

"Not so good—held on it tight."

"That's bad."

"Not so bad—owns a big house."

"That's good."

"Not so good—burned down last night."

"That's too bad."

"Taint so bad. She burned with it."

"That's good."

"Not so good!"

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A baby cock's a cockrel,
And a baby hen's a pullet,
And a baby cow's a heifer,
Is—

A baby bull—

A bullet?

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A cake of soap upon the stairs

Man comes down quite unaware—

A foot upon it—down he goes—

What followed after no one knows!

"FORTUNE."

[By John Graham.]

Some folks strike it lucky.

Get along in style;

Others go on waiting.

Just for Fortune's smile.

P'raps the other fellow

Worked to get his bit;

Didn't find luck awaiting;

Till he'd shown some grit!

Some folks strike it easy.

Maybe that is true;

But if you're out for Fortune.

Then it's up to you.

Just to go on working.

Till she comes your way;

Keep on trying cheerily;

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Historic Aeroplane.

He thinks his machine should go to the British Museum, for it is an historic plane. A year ago it went to India and back; last spring it went to the Cape and back; now it has been to Australia and back. In earlier days Cobham was the first to fly to Zurich and back between sunrise and sunset. Altogether he has flown half a million miles up and down this little planet. This time he flew for 326 hours during his three months' journey, his average speed being 86 miles an hour.

What was it that brought Cobham his unique reception? Doubtless many who welcomed him imagined that the journey had never been done before; others had been touched by the tragedy at Basra, or thrilled with sympathy at the thought of the dangers he had passed. But the real interest of his achievement was the point emphasised by Cobham himself. He set out to make no record flight. He went unhurriedly, by easy stages, doing much prospecting work by the way in search of suitable air-route stations. On the return journey, he only beat by a few days the great ship which took the Australian Premier to London.

Flying in Bad Weather.

His aim was not speed, but to show that long-distance flight could be made a commonplace, everyday experience shorn of any great risk, that for both men and machines there is nothing extraordinary in this method of world travel. He used the same machine both ways, depending on his own mechanics and his own stores for repairs. The intervals between the stages of a flight are a matter of detail and organisation.

The great new fact is that geography, climate, and even weather have been proved to be no longer the barriers we have reckoned them. Cobham flew right through the monsoons.

A vast work remains to be done, of course, in organisation, in surveying, and in the development of the size and resources of the great air-liners that will be needed; but Cobham's flight marks a definite new stage in the conversion of long-distance flying from a wild adventure to the ordinary procedure of the ordinary man.

THE SERAGLIO.

Abdul Hamid's Palace Opened.

Republican Turkey, with no sultan and no caliph, has made a show place of the palace of its former rulers.

Only most distinguished foreigners gained admission to the Seraglio in Abdul Hamid's day, and the traditional mode of audience was through a hole in the wall above their heads.

Yet it is here, it is said, that more European history has been planned than in any other palace in Europe. A small hole in the court marks the place where the standard of the Prophet was raised when a holy war was declared. In the library there are still many Greek manuscripts that have not even yet been properly examined. Another room contains what claims to be the mantle of Mohammed himself.

The Seraglio is only one of many museums in Constantinople, and it is an enlightened policy on the part of the Republic to teach the common people and the alien visitor the wonders of Turkey's past.

MAP OF COLUMBUS.

A document of great importance in the history of mankind has been brought to light in the National Library of France. This is believed to be the actual map used by Columbus when he set sail on his great voyage of discovery.

In the first place, the map was certainly drawn some time between the year 1488, when the Cape of Good Hope was discovered, and 1498, when Columbus returned to Europe, for the outline of the Cape resembles that on maps prepared at this period. Several points indicate that the maker of the map was a fellow citizen of Columbus.

Other Evidence.

It is clear that the draughtsman was a Genoese, for he used the same names to describe Iceland as did the sailors of Genoa, names that differ from those in use in Spain and Portugal. Further, the maker of the map referred to two books which are known to have been favourites of Columbus—the "Imago Mundi" of Cardinal D'Ailly and a particular edition of Ptolemy. In his writing he repeated a remark of Columbus, quoting it with a peculiar grammatical error that the discoverer is known to have employed. It is also significant that great prominence is given on the map to the small town of Santa Fé, in Spain, where Columbus was granted his audience with King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. To ordinary map makers of the period this village was of such slight importance that, quite often, it is not noticed at all. Evidently it had great significance in the eyes of this draughtsman, for he indicates its walls and fortifications in detail. Santa Fé was originally built to serve as a base for the Spanish monarchs during the siege of Granada.

Conclusive Proof.

The most conclusive proof that this map was prepared for Columbus is found in the great prominence given on it to the island of the Seven Cities. It was thought that seven Portuguese bishops had taken refuge on this island, supposed to be in the neighbourhood of Ireland, at the time of the Moorish invasion. Columbus had great hopes of finding this legendary place. Just before starting on his enterprise, Columbus became persuaded that the Island of the Seven Cities lay to the south and west, and he accordingly planned his course towards the setting sun instead of northward towards Ireland.

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